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WORSER, AND MORE OF IT.

How the Tax-Payers of Scott County are Being Systematically Robbed.

In Benton jail is one John P. Myers who has been "boot-legging" whiskey at Diehlstadt. About all we know of the matter is that he was "convicted in ten cases" and that he is to serve out a sentence of forty days.

Do the wheat, corn and melon-raisers of Scott county understand what this means? It means that they must give up more than five hundred bushels of corn, or two hundred and fifty bushels of wheat, or several cars of melons to pay for one day's mismanagement, or "sharp practice," on the part of our prosecuting attorney.

John Meyers sold whiskey at Diehlstadt, in a small way, without either a government or a State and county license. Since the government is more able to look after such men than the county, the case should have been reported to the Federal authorities and the case would have been disposed of without any expense to our people. But our prosecuting attorney couldn't see it that way. There would have been nothing in it for him.

But for the sake of argument, let us admit that the government had no authority, and that the matter was in the hands of local authorities, then why the ten cases? Would not a single fine of forty days in one case have been just as severe punishment as forty days in ten cases?

Right here we want to impress upon the people how our prosecuting attorney discharges his sworn duty in "looking after the interest of the tax-payers." To have convicted the man in one case and sentenced him to forty days in jail, Mr. Prosecuting Attorney would only have received a fee in one case, viz—\$5.00. In ten cases he receives ten times as much, viz—\$50.00. See?

And yet this man draws an annual salary from the county of about six hundred dollars for protecting the interests of our people. In this little case the costs which had accrued before the prisoner was brought to jail amounted to \$87.00. Of this fifty dollars goes to Moore. If the county court allows it they are bigger fools than we take them to be.

But Mr. Moore explains it all. He evidently noticed that the people of Diehlstadt did not approve of the job and remarked to Constable English: "The Newsboy is always kicking about costs. Why, this money comes right back to you people in justice's, constable's, witness and jury fees."

Constable English scratched his head, took a square look at Mr. Moore and remarked, "It's d—n little of it the constable gets."

Right here we wish to pause long enough to inquire how many people around Diehlstadt, or anywhere else, will get their fingers on the fifty dollars that Mr. Moore is to get out of it?

Tuesday Constable English arrived here with Thos. Scott of Diehlstadt, who was also "convicted in two cases." Scott was arrested for disturbing the peace. Upon searching him the constable found a pair of knucks. He was first "yanked up" on the minor charge of disturbing the peace and was fined ten dollars and costs, and then on the graver charge of carrying knucks and fined fifty dollars and costs for that. Having no money he was sentenced to jail for twelve days for disturbing the peace and five days for carrying the knucks—a total of seventeen days. Now, in the name of common sense and common honesty, why could this man not have been sent to jail for seventeen days on either of the above charges, or why could not both charges have been merged into one and the extra costs been saved to the people? Would the punishment not have been just as great? But in that event our astute prosecuting attorney would have received but one fee?

But the most serious trouble is that no one who is able to pay a fine is seldom, if ever, arrested, prosecuted or punished for any offense. In such cases the matter is generally "fixed up" with the prosecuting attorney without the assistance of court

Everything is now in Readiness for the Great
Fourth of July Celebration at Oran!
The Coolest Grounds, and the Prettiest Scenery in Southeast Missouri.
We want Everybody from Everywhere to Spend the Fourth with us.
We are Prepared to Feed you, and Entertain you, and make it Pleasant for you.
BALLOON ASCENSION AND PARACHUTE LEAP BY PROF. SCANLAN.
Brass and String Bands will Enliven the Occasion.
Shady Groves, Comfortable Seats and Everything under Roof.
Jos. Stubenrauch & Co., Managers of Woodland Park, Oran.

or jury. It is only the penniless who are made to respect the "dignity" of the law—and the people pay the freight.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Dunklin Democrat: Pink Allman, an old soldier with many scars of battle on him, a life-long republican and an influential one in this township, says that he will never vote for a single gold standard platform or a candidate who runs on one. His observation is that there are many republicans in this county who think as he does.

Quite a number of citizens visited the residence of Hon. Louis Houck one evening last week to congratulate him on his victory over the Gould system, in the courts. The serenading party was equipped with a cannon, brass band and "refreshments," and Ben Adams says "they spent the evening so well they knew not how they felt."

The 4-year-old child of Mr. Mattox, formerly of Sandywoods, but now of Advance, got lost in the woods last week. A searching party was out all night but while they were hunting the child came home and went to bed. The next morning the party came in, got breakfast, and started out again. About 9 o'clock someone noticed the child rustling around and the searching party was ordered in.

Cape Gazette: What a pity it is that people do not know more about their legal rights. Nearly every day someone allows a sewing machine, or other implement purchased on the installment plan, to be seized by the agent of the company and sold for non-payment, without any attempt on the part of purchaser to claim back a portion of the money he had paid on installments. If people knew that the company is required by the statutes to refund all but about twenty-five per cent of the money paid, there would be fewer judgements by default in such cases.

Prof. Scanlan and His Air Ship. It now seems that everybody is headed for Oran to spend the Fourth. The attractions already advertised were far ahead of anything else in the county, but since our last issue the management has secured the services of Prof. Scanlan and his air-ship to further entertain the people.

The professor will ascend upward in a balloon until almost out of sight, then leap into space and return to earth with the aid of a parachute. It is a sight worth seeing, and a sight that but few people in Scott county have witnessed.

During the entire day the brass and string bands will entertain the people, and the town and grounds will be tastefully decorated.

The crowd is expected to be immense, and a heavy police force will be stationed to keep perfect order.

FROM ORAN.

A man from the wild and woolly swamp came in Saturday, imbibed in a few schooners, and began to twist the lion's tail. Our marshal, being a very polite man, showed him the whole menagerie, and finally introduced him to Mayor Schatz, who explained to him the inside mysteries of the sights he had been enjoying, impressed upon the visitor that funds were necessary in order to keep things in proper shape for the accommodation of rural visitors, and that he was only performing a duty by contributing to the expense fund. In fact, in so eloquent a manner did our mayor present the facts that our visitor donated five dollars right on the spot and intimated that he would call again.

A man struck Oran Monday selling a patent lifting jack. It would lift the lightest buggy or a loaded wagon, stretch all kinds of wire, and carpet, pull up fence posts, and press cider. If it could only be used to wash dishes and rock the cradle, wouldn't it sell like bananas?

"A man can run into debt," remarks an old-fashioned philosopher, "but when it comes to his getting out he's got to crawl." The moral is plain: Deal at the Silver Dollar Cash Store and never run in debt or pay other men's debts. Harris & Nutt, proprietors, Oran, Mo.

Our people were considerable excited Thursday by the appearance of a mad-dog on our streets. He bit every dog he met and also several hogs. He was killed and Marshall White has been slaughtering dogs ever since—having killed eleven at last accounts.

There have been several misunderstandings among our neighbors, and a few scraps have been the result, but as they are not of general interest, and were caused by indigestion and hot weather, we will not give them away.

Col. Thelenius, of the Cape, was here last week trying to impress upon our people the evils of intemperance and intimated that a liberal use of Thelenius' temperance drinks would act as a substitute.

Mr. Richmond and Mr. Forrester took a trip to Bell City Saturday—returning Sunday.

The well-known and reliable paper hanger and decorator, Charles Kreisig, drifted in upon our population from Morley Friday. We are all ways glad to see him.

Rev. Hussman, of Charleston, visited Rev. Koob Wednesday.

Father Koob, of Oran, was in Benton Monday for the purpose of purchasing additional ground for the church property.

Miss Lora Forrester accompanied her sister, Mrs. Davis, to Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. Peter Dirnberger and Mrs. Fritz Lipp went to the Cape Friday.

FROM SANDYWOODS.

Last Sunday was regular meeting day at Hickory Grove, and quite a large assembly greeted the minister. In the afternoon all gathered at the Lemley ford to witness the Baptizing of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellis.

A protracted meeting was commenced Sunday night, to be succeeded by a few nights' prayer meeting. More peas will be sown in this neighborhood than ever before. An effort will be made to regain some of the losses on short corn and wheat crops.

It is said that Frank Proctor can thresh 2,000 bushels of wheat in one day and stack the straw with his machine.

Can't some one get up a remedy for hog cholera? Be quick! We had twenty-eight, and now only a dozen remain to eat corn.

W. A. Miller and W. A. Ward are contemplating a trip to Fredericktown on the 4th. Isiah thinks a few swigs of branch water will prove beneficial to a Sandywoods man.

We have had the two "old reliables"—the Republicans and Democrats. Suppose the "patched breeches gang" of both parties should put aside party strife and vote exclusively to their own interest, what would their name be? Some strong talk to this effect.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale in time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive street, St. Louis. The very thought of a basket dinner will very often draw people away from their home church on regular meeting day.

FROM KELSO.

While feeding a thresher one day last week George Klemme had a spike drove through his hand.

The telephone line between here and Manning is completed and in operation.

Wm. Ingram, of Manning, became thirsty Sunday and went in at Mr. Wray's to get a drink. A vicious dog came at him and Mr. Ingram began to climb a tree. The dog caught his foot, however, and nearly chewed it off. Mr. Ingram will be laid up for several months.

Jacob Enderle went to Benton on business Wednesday. He is one of our best farmers.

Work on our new mill is under full headway and will probably be completed by September.

Edward Joyce has again been employed to teach our public school.

O. H. Croft and wife will celebrate the Fourth at Cairo and then visit other towns in Illinois to "see the folks."

The New South went up the river Saturday instead of the Batchelor. Our new mill is only the fore-runner of what is to come. Look out for electric lights, water works, street cars and a saloon! HAYSEED.

FROM SIKESTON.

Last Saturday Mrs. Estella Gribble made a successful balloon ascension and parachute leap here. Everything was favorable. The balloon ascended almost straight up and then drifted east. Mrs. Gribble landed within a quarter of a mile from where she started. Quite a crowd was present.

Wm. Harris, of the Bauer Grocer Co., St. Louis, is here visiting his parents.

Robt Randol is in Western Kentucky visiting his daughter and grandson. He will return this week accompanied by his wife, who has been visiting there for some time.

A pleasure party, composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Barber, Mrs. Dr. Lennox and children, Mrs. Ada Lennox and daughter, Miss Ora and Mr. Charles Emory, left here Sunday for Little River, south of Buffington, where they will camp and put there time in fishing, hunting, and having a good time generally.

Watermelons are beginning to ripen and several cars will be loaded within the next ten days.

The Cobb and Jenkins barbecue, at Scimmon's grove, on the Fourth will be a drawing card and is expected to outline anything of the sort in this end of the state.

We now have a good supply of tooth doctors. Dr. Carpenter, who makes a specialty of pulling teeth without pain, and Dr. Wright, who makes this town regularly to repair the masticators of our people.

It is rumored that we are to have a new physician in our midst soon—from Illinois.

We understand that Arnold Klein has purchased the grocery stock of Mr. Brown, next door to A. J. Matthews & Co., on the north, and will continue the business. Mr. Klein is a very accommodating gentleman and we wish him success. HOAK.

Subscribe for the Newsboy—the people's paper.

A Word to Merchants.

The way to get business is to advertise—the only way to advertise is to advertise right—the only way to advertise right is to study the needs of the people in your particular line of trade, and place the matter before them in an honest, straightforward manner—pleasantly stated, and given due prominence to the good points of the articles you wish to sell prominently, persistently, and in an attractive manner. Fortunes made by judicious, persistent, consistent advertising are not exceptional. The largest business houses have been the largest advertisers, and the success has been in keeping with the amount of advertising. "Large oaks from little acorns grow." Keep your name before the people. Keep your goods before their eyes. The only way to do it is to advertise.

FROM MORLEY.

Who said there would not be a grand free barbecue at Morley on the Fourth? Everybody come and bring your neighbors and see what a time we'll have.

Leslie Harris was here Sunday to see us and pa.

The first canteloupes of the season were loaded here Monday. Two cars went to St. Louis and one to Chicago to be devoured by the Dick Bland crowd next week. Hurrah for Silver Dick!

Henry Halley is down from Riverside, where he has been stationed for a couple of weeks. He will take charge of the depot here during the melon season. The farmers here like to have Henry during the melon business, as he is never too busy to give them a courteous answer.

Little Frankie Fry, while playing with some other small boys on a box car, fell and broke his leg at the ankle Tuesday.

Prof. Atchison is fresh from Pertle Springs, where he attended the State meeting of the teachers.

Chas. Cooper is at home. Charley says there is no place like home—when you get sick.

The ministers of the Methodist and Baptist faith are having a joint debate here this week. It will close Saturday, when both sides will claim the victory and the Devil claim the sinners.

Mrs. Geo. Tomlinson, Mrs. H. G. Frobose and Miss Mary Albertz left for St. Louis via Commerce, Tuesday, where they will spend a short while visiting friends and relatives.

There never was better weather for threshing, and never was the price of grain lower than under our present gold standard. Wheat 48 cents per bushel and corn 23 cents. What farmer will vote to continue a gold standard and starve his family? The great and only J. D. Gillispie is billed here for a talk on the money question July 4th. The Col. says he cannot help it because he is a gold bug, as he is opposed to the Democratic party.

John Hutchins, salesman for the S. Albert Grocer Co., was in our town Tuesday taking orders. John is a hustler.

REPLIES.

We've Got 'em in Scott County.

From the Southeast Gazette: The dirty little newspaper pimp who licks up his master's spittle and lives on the bones of meat he hands to him, is more of a detriment to the country than a visitation of small-pox.

Attention, Wheat Growers.

John Wahl wheat sacks kept on hand at Commerce, by T. F. Sewell. Parties intending to ship wheat should use said sacks and ship to John Wahl Commission Co., the best house in the city for best sales and quickest returns. T. F. Sewell.

HERE AND THERE.

—A Commerce young man who wants to get married, and who is as undecided about whom he likes best as some men are in selecting a neck tie, has left the matter of his friends. Six of them are to meet Sunday and discuss the merits and failings of three young women, any one of whom the young man will ask to marry him if his friends decide she is eligible.

—Constable English, of Diehlstadt, landed in Benton again Wednesday with Elmo Beauchamp, who had a sentence of twelve days hanging over him for disturbing the peace. Diehlstadt is right in the swim. Our prosecuting attorney has evidently quit "shadowing" the negro crap shooters at Commerce and is now paying his respects to Diehlstadt.

—Sikeston girls, when they want an excuse to gad, now go around looking for lavender lawn. There are so many shades of lavender, and so many hints of tints of shades, that they are happy in never finding just what suits them.

—A swift young man of Morley recently sent fifty cents away in answer to an advertisement agreeing to tell how to get rich. He received for an answer a postal card with this written on the back of it: "Fish for suckers as we do."

—George Reinagle and Ferd. Bisher were in town Monday. Mr. Reinagle says his wife, who recently was very seriously injured by falling from a hay wagon and being run over is getting along very nicely.

—A Blodgett girl has been reading about the big times they are having at the seashore until she has made herself a bathing suit, which she puts on every time she gets in the bath tub.

—Cut down expenses by buying your clothing, dry goods, groceries, shoes, farm implements, and everything you need at the Silver Dollar Store, Harris & Nutt, proprietors, Oran.

—If people will agree to live a little higher morally, and not make quite so much noise about their general goodness, they'll get along better and stand a better show for Heaven.

—The Oran saloons are evidently prospering. Ashley operates fans by the use of a neat gasoline engine, while Githens is having his place remodeled and fixed up in city style.

—This old world of ours is filled up with people who like to have things explained to them. Every merchant should explain to the people why they should patronize him. Advertise!

—Joe Patterson and a Mr. Armour were here Wednesday. Mr. Armour is looking for a good location for a barber shop and seems well satisfied with Benton.

—Theon Heisserer returned from Quincy school Saturday. He entertained quite a number of his relatives at the residence of his parents Sunday.

—It is said that there is a young man in Oran who can put on his dress suit and then act as if he did not remember being dressed up.

—Prof. Jos. Stubenrauch and Mayor Schatz, of Oran, were in Benton, Thursday, looking for gasoline, or some other fluid that would burn.

—You never know how many people want your wares until you commence to advertise them.

—County Clerk McPheters spent a couple of days "up the road" the first of the week.

—R. A. Kingsbury returned home from a two weeks' visit to St. Louis and Illinois.

—The poorest man in the Sandywoods can tell you a thousand ways to get rich.

—L. B. Russell and Rube Matthews went over to see the river Sunday.

—Mrs. R. L. Stubblefield and Miss Lillie Wright went to Blodgett Wednesday.

—D. H. Harper and son, of Diehlstadt, spent Tuesday in Benton.

—"Tink" Anderson called at the Newsboy office Wednesday.

—Prof. High is doing the painting act on Heisserer's store.

—B. F. Anderson and wife were here Monday.

—Mrs. C. F. Bonafon is quite sick.